

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 13 - 19**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT
THROUGH AN APPLICATION FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY CAMERA
GRANT FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSURANCE TRUST FOR THE
FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Introduced by: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2019 the Local Government Insurance Trust ("LGIT") is funding a special equipment grant to help its member law enforcement agencies purchase officer worn body cameras and;

WHEREAS, body-worn cameras ("BWC's") by criminal justice practitioners is rapidly becoming standard service equipment for many law enforcement agencies across the nation, and LGIT believes using this type of device could have a direct impact on law enforcement liability and;

WHEREAS, to help its members purchase this equipment, the LGIT Board of Trustee's has authorized grant funding and grants to be reviewed by LGIT's Risk Management Committee to provide a grant for a member police agency to purchase cameras of their choice; however, no single grant request to a municipality can exceed \$5,000 and grant requests are further limited to one member police agency per fiscal year, whereby grants will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis as long as funding is available and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights was recently informed it is a recipient of the abovementioned grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 and;

WHEREAS, with said grant funding, the Forest Heights Police Department has elected to purchase the Axon Body 2 (8 body cameras; including related insurance, license, storage and other fees) based on their research and department needs at a total cost of \$22,006.50 for a five-year plan and;

WHEREAS, the \$5,000.00 of grant funding will be used to help pay the first annual installment of \$6,994.50 due on the Axon Body 2 camera system, with the remaining \$1,994.50 paid from the Police Department Budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby agrees to authorize and allow the acceptance of a Law Enforcement

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Body Camera Grant from the Local Government Insurance Trust for the Forest Heights Police Department ("FHPD") in the amount of \$5,000.00 for FY2019;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposal and contract from Axon Body 2 for the purchase of the body camera system is attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit 2

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FHPD is hereby authorized to expend a sum of no more than \$1,994.50 for the first-year payment and, years two through five payment would be a sum of \$3753.00 each year and identified as a line item contained within future police department budgets,

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the expenditures for any BWC's procured under this Resolution shall be allocated to line item #7074 (description: Law Enforcement Equipment) of the FY2019 Budget;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to deployment and usage of any BWC's by the FHPD, the Acting Chief of Police shall promulgate and issue a Law Enforcement Body Camera Policy, general order or other directive that is legally sufficient and submitted to the Mayor and Council for review;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

PASSED this 4th day of March 2019.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

MUHAMMAD

Yea

KENNEDY II

Yea

MCLAURIN

Yea

BARNES

Yea

HINES

Yea

WASHINGTON

Yea

BROWNSON

Yea

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ATTEST:

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

By:

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

By:

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Calvin Washington, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 4 day of March 2019 with 7 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes the aforesaid Resolution 13 -19 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk